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The Secret War Against Castro and the Death of JFK • by Gus Russo

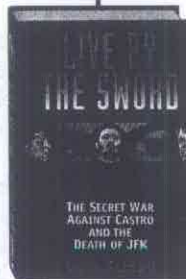


Gus Russo's book is one of the best accounts ever written of the killing of JFK—astonishing in what it claims, responsible in what it disproves. Russo, a veteran journalist, has investigated the Kennedy slaying for two decades. His pursuit of the facts has impressed colleagues such as Dan Rather, who calls him "among the most knowledgeable and respected critics" of the Warren Report.

Fidel Castro knew of Lee Harvey Oswald's plan to murder JFK and may have even assisted him—that's the headline argument in this book. In Russo's view, the Kennedys' secret war against Castro, which included the Bay of Pigs fiasco and numerous assassination plots, tragically backfired on that day in Dallas. Russo cites never-before-seen documents and his own exhaustive interviews with key players in support of his theory. He then examines the cover-up that followed in order to pro-

tect the CIA's covert operations, many of which had been overseen by RFK, who firmly believed the Cubans had a hand in his brother's death and felt guilty about his involvement.

Russo also provides new and persuasive proof that there were no shooters on the infamous grassy knoll, and that Jack Ruby acted alone out of misguided patriotism. To some, Russo will seem like just another conspiracy buff. He's not. Gerald Posner, author of *Case Closed*, calls this "a thought-provoking book.... Filled with new pieces of evidence and new-found witnesses.... [It] throws a bright spotlight on the politics that swirled around the murder of John Kennedy." 617 pages, black-and-white photographs and illustrations.



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